



Lake Park Villager

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CLERK'S CORNER

Upcoming Lake Park town meetings:

February 12 – 7:00 PM Village Council Meeting

February 25 – 7:00 PM Parks and Rec Commission

March 6 – 7:00 PM EDC Regular Meeting at 3316 Faith Church Rd

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

LAKE PARK GARDEN CLUB

FEBRUARY 18, 7:00 PM, COMMUNITY CENTER

LAKE PARK PLUS – INVESTMENT STUDY GROUP – MEMBER NAIC

FEBRUARY 26, 7:00 PM, 6800 CONIFER CIRCLE

NEW RESIDENT SOCIAL

FEBRUARY 26, 6:30 PM, COMMUNITY CENTER

KITES AND CRAFTS FESTIVAL

MARCH 15, 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM, FOUNDER'S PARK

SPRING GARAGE SALE

APRIL 19, 7:00 AM – 1:00 PM, THROUGHOUT LAKE PARK

NOTES:

- Be sure to DETACH and SAVE the newly revised "Waste Collection Guidelines" attached to this month's *Villager*.
- The EDC met on January 17 and is planning an April 2007 Growing in Lake Park workshop.

Storm Water Discussion

On January 22, the Lake Park Council held a special meeting in which Amy Helms and Susan Tolan, engineers from Union county, presented information about the storm water regulations and guidelines that the village must follow. Lake Park must comply with six different best management practices that include such topics as public education, public involvement, and pollution prevention. In conjunction with the storm water management program, the village will be required to pass two ordinances to govern the illicit discharge detection and post-construction runoff. The council will be working to pass these measures over the next several months.

Council Letter to NCTA

Letter outlines the Council's stance on the bypass

Recently, the village council drafted a letter to be sent to the North Carolina Turnpike Authority, the organization tasked with constructing the Monroe Bypass. This letter formalizes the Council's position regarding the bypass as a whole and the route that should be chosen. Here is the full text of the letter (for further information regarding the routes, you can go to: <http://www.ncturnpike.org/projects/monroe/>):

"On behalf of the Village of Lake Park, the undersigned officials hereby state for public record our support of Preliminary Study Alternatives A, A1 and A3 for the ultimate bypass route selection. Over the years of project development that the Connector/Bypass has endured, the leadership and residents of Lake Park have participated in multiple public forums to express concerns related to the route selection and the determining process. This letter will serve to identify the official position of the Village of Lake Park.

"As residents of the greater Union/Mecklenburg community, we all recognize and appreciate the need to improve vehicular routes within the region and more specifically the need to construct the Monroe Bypass/Connector. While we recognize and understand the importance of protecting our natural and cultural resources, we also recognize the need to protect the quality of life that established residents of our Village currently enjoy. In this regard, it is our adamant request that all reasonable measures be taken to eliminate impacts to our quality of life that may result from increased noise and/or pollutants. The design and construction of the roadway system shall incorporate measures to lessen the noise from the traffic using the bypass/connector.

"The Village of Lake Park would also express its concern for continuing to consider any Proposed Study Alternative that includes corridor segment 2. Given that Union County

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spends an average of \$1.31 per dollar received for residences and \$0.45 per dollar received for business, the long-term financial impact to the county would be least affected by an alternative that minimizes the impact to Union County businesses. The A and B PSAs do minimize this business impact. However, factoring in the significant number of residents affected by the B alternatives, we feel that the A alternatives (and specifically A, A1 or A3) strike the best balance of residential and business impact. This position is bolstered by the fact that these alternatives are the least expensive to build by up to 14% (\$38 million).

“Thank you for taking our concerns under advisement. Should you require additional information, please contact the Village office at 704-882-8657.

Sincerely,

Village of Lake Park “

Council Seat Still Open

In their January meeting, the Village Council appointed a person to fill the seat vacated by the newly-elected mayor Kendall Spence. However, due to a technicality in the voting procedures, the appointment is not valid. The council made the appoint based on a majority of the vote rather than getting a majority of the members. This means that the person to be appointed would have had to have three votes instead of two. To correct this, the Council will continue the voting process during its February meeting. The seated Council will continue rounds of nominating and voting until a majority of the quorum votes in favor of a candidate.

December Security Report

From Lake Park Deputies Hannon and Tomberlin

Total Calls for December 2007: 54

Calls in November 2007: 37

Calls in December 2006: 58

Most Calls: General Disturbances – 10

Alarms – 9

Traffic Enforcement – 7

Follow up/Investigation – 7

The Sheriff's department arrested two individuals for the recent spray paint vandalism that occurred in Lake Park. Deputies Hannon and Tomberlin were involved in the investigation. The investigation indicates that the incidents were not gang-related. The two individuals were charged on 14 counts of injury to real property. Both individuals charged live in the Stallings area.

Any suspicious activity: Call 911

For Your Information

Census Report for Lake Park

According to the most recent statistics by the state's demographer, the population of Lake Park has increased to 3,038. The Parks and Recreation commission has posted this new number on the population sign on Lake Park Road. The state uses this information to dictate how much the Village will receive in Powell Bill funds for road improvements.

Why Clean Up After Your Dog?

The residents of Lake Park are fortunate to have many acres of common areas and parks to enjoy. However, some residents fail to clean up after their dogs when they use these areas. Many may not realize the impact to our environment by not properly disposing of dog waste. Dog waste contains high levels of bacteria such as fecal streptococcus, fecal coliforms, and E. coli. By not picking up after pets, the waste contaminates the ground and becomes a means of passing this bacteria and intestinal parasites to other dogs and even to people. Picking up the feces and disposing of it can reduce veterinary expenses and might even save on human doctor bills. Additionally, picking up the waste prevents the bacteria and parasites from being carried by storm water runoff into our ponds and ultimately into our water system.